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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Atty. Docket: WALLACH=21

In re Application of: ) Conf. No.: 8997  
 David WALLACH et al ) Art Unit: 1635  
 Appln. No.: 09/155,676 ) Examiner: J. Epps  
 Filed: January 4, 1999 ) Washington, D.C.  
 For: MODULATORS OF TNF RECEPTOR ) May 10, 2002  
 ASSOCIATED FACTOR (TRAF), )  
 THEIR PREPARATION AND USE ) BY TELEFACSIMILE

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing applicants' main response of March 20, 2002, and supplemental response of April 17, 2002, please further amend as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 69 as follows:

69 (Amended). A polypeptide that binds to TRAF2 and either inhibits or increases the activity of NF- $\kappa$ B, said polypeptide comprising:

- a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5;
- b) an amino acid sequence of a fragment of a), which fragment binds to TRAF2 and either inhibits or increases the activity of NF- $\kappa$ B;
- c) an amino acid sequence of an analog of a) or b), having no more than ten changes in the amino acid sequence